Fill up of the posts of CMD in N.T.P.C., Power Finance Corporation and B.C.C.L.

561. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the posts of Chairman and Managing Director in N.T.P.C., Power Finance Corporation and B.C.C.L. have been filled up;

(b) if so, when and what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The posts of Chairman and Managing Director of the Power Finance Corporation and the Bharat Coking Coal Limited have both been filled up on 14th January, 1988. Action is in hand to fill up the post of Chairman and Managing Director, National Thermal Power Corporation, in consultation with the Public Enterprises Selection Board.

Advertisement for allotment of Gas Agencies

562. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited had advertised in October, 1985 for the distributorship of gas agency each in Kalkaji and Pitampura, New Delhi reserved for SC/ST only;

(b) if so, the number of applications received in this regard for individuals and Cooperative Societies belonging to SC/ST;

(c) whether all the applications have been processed;

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when all the applicants are likely to be called for interview for the purpose?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) Yes, Sir;

(b) Details of applications received are as under:—

	Kalkaji	Pitampura
Individuals	38	49
Partnership	1	1
Societies	1	1
	40	51

(c) to (e) All the applications are under the consideration of Oil Selection Board (North) which will be fixing up the interviews for these locations keeping in view the other cases pending with it.

Use of explosives in BCCL mines

563. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the value of explosives used in BCCL on underground mining between the 15th March and the 20th March, 1988, the facts in details with State-wise and date-wise break up;

(b) average consumption of explosives between the 1st March, 1988 and the 15th March, 1988; and

(c) whether the consumption figures of explosives are at variance with the production figures of BCCL between the 15th March and 20th March, 1988 and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COAL IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI C. K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) to (c) The

information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Mangaldai Telephone Exchange

564. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the present Mangaldai Telephone Exchange set-up was meant for a small Sub-divisional town and now it is quite incapable of meeting the growing demands of the headquarters of Darrang district;

(b) whether it is a fact that Mangaldai Telephone Exchange has been housed in a tiny building situated in a narrow strip of land; and

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for improving the Mangaldai Telephone Exchange and providing STD facility there?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The existing building cannot accomodate new Exchange. Acquisition of Land for exchange is under process with State Government. 200 Lines Auto Exchange equipment for the exchange is expected in 1988-89. The Exchange will be installed after construction of the new building. STD through Guwahati TAX will be provided after automatisation of the Exchange.

Reasons for adopting double standard in the matter of supply of Natural Gas

565. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have permitted Baroda Municipality to use natural gas by providing more than 40,000 domestic gas connections although Government's policy is to use natural gas only as raw material for petrochemical industries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Assam Gas Company was not allowed to take up any project for domestic consumers and tea gardens on the ground that natural gas is used as a raw material only for petrochemical industries; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons behind the adoption of double standards for Assam and Gujarat?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) It is not the Government's policy to use natural gas exclusively as raw material for petrochemical industries only. ONGC are supplying natural gas to Baroda Municipal Corporation for domestic supply.

(b) No, Sir. Assam Gas Company is being supplied gas from ONGC's fields in Assam for supply to Sibsagar town for domestic purpose. Gas is also being supplied to tea gardens in Assam.

(c) Question does not arise.

Welfare activities of Guwahati Refinery and Oil India Management

566. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Guwahati Refinery and Oil India Management do not undertake any social responsibility in the form of welfare activities and road construction in Assam; and

(b) if so, whether there is any directive from his Ministry to the concerned authorities for such activities as in the case of ONGC which has